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Soldiers return home

Families welcome 77th Maint. Co. back from Iraq

By Donna Dean

233rd Base Support Battalion
Public Affairs Office

More than 100 Soldiers from 77th Maintenance Company, 485th Corps Support Battalion, 3rd Corps Support Command, deployed for eight months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom returned to Babenhausen Kaserne Nov. 26.

Excited wives and children carrying signs, flowers and American flags gathered on the sidewalk outside Army Community Service to greet the Babenhausen- and Hanau-based Soldiers.

With a Military Police escort, the Soldiers marched from their motor pool through the casern to ACS. At the first glimpse of the unit, family members broke out in cheers and tears flowed. Children jumped up and down and cries of "Daddy, Daddy" could be heard from one end of the street to the other.



Photo by Donna Dean

Capt. Ben Lipari, 77th Maintenance Company commander, holds his 8-month-old son Dominik as his wife Melissa looks on.

Although the greatly anticipated reunion didn't take place on the street, the joy and happiness in the

air wasn't dampened.

The unit filed into ACS and stood in formation as family members looked down on the 107 Soldiers from the balcony.

Children jumped and giggled, and moms snapped pictures and waited patiently as Lt. Col. John MacGillis, 3rd Corps Support Command rear detachment commander, welcomed the Soldiers home and summarized the unit's mission in Iraq.

"[The] 77th Maintenance Company began their move across the Iraqi desert in March and set up at Camp Cedar," MacGillis said. "Within a five-to-six-week period they recovered more than 125 vehicles that had broken down as units moved forward to Baghdad. They supported each other in very harsh conditions." The unit moved on to Camp Dogwood

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Giessen MP makes ultimate sacrifice

Friends remember fallen comrade

By David Ruderman

104th Area Support Group Public
Affairs Office

Casualties in Iraq have hit home for 104th Area Support Group-based Soldiers.

Among those killed was Pfc. Rachel K. Bosveld, age 19, of Waupun, Wis., and Giessen's 527th Military Police Company. Bosveld died Oct. 26 after being wounded in a mortar attack on the Abu Ghraib police station just west of Baghdad.

"She was in the unit for eight or nine months. She was a good soldier," said Sgt. Casey Tibbs, a co-leader of the company's 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, in which Bosveld was serving as a driver. Bosveld joined the Army in July



Pfc. Rachel Bosveld



Photo by R.D. Ward

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz (right) talks with Army Pfc. Christopher Busby and his parents Carole and Kenneth Busby at Walter Reed Army Medical Center Nov. 11. Busby was wounded in the same mortar attack that killed Pfc. Rachel K. Bosveld in Baghdad.

2002 after graduating from high school, and the 527th MP Company was her first assignment. She deployed to Kuwait in March and was among the first in the unit to roll into Iraq.

"Hersquad, right before we went across, got pulled to do another mission, so they were four or five hours ahead of us. They were way up front," said Tibbs.

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Photo by Karl Weisel

Care giver Jennifer Edwards feeds 8-month-old Hope Cloutman her lunch at the Fliegerhorst Child Development Center.

Child care Staffing shortfalls plague Child and Youth Services

Loving adults make all the difference in a child's life, and their absence takes its toll. Child and Youth Services agencies across Europe are feeling the pinch as deployments, high operation tempos and troop rotations strain their ability to fill staff positions, said officials.

"Staffing is always a concern for us in child care since so many of our staff are spouses, and there is the normal turnover due to Soldier rotations," said Sonia Bonet, director of CYS at Installation Management Agency-Europe.

"The smaller your center, the more you feel it," said Anthony Raas, director of the Fliegerhorst CDC in Hanau. "When one person falls out you're jumping through hoops to maintain the ratios. That's mainly what affects us." The CDC cares for 52 children with a staff of 12, he said.

Staff vacancies have become unusually high during the deployment, said officials. Base support battalions across Europe have experienced a decrease in the number of Family Child Care homes and, in certain situations, have had to temporarily abbreviate

some programs and services. The demand for quality child care is likely to increase as Soldiers continue to deploy, and when they redeploy and reintegrate in the community.

IMA-E is aggressively recruiting care givers to work both in CDC-based programs and as FCC providers who care for children in their own homes, said Bonet. "We want to use every outlet possible to encourage personnel to consider this career field and type of employment."

Peace of mind

FCC and CDC child care providers support Soldiers' and families' well-being by giving them peace of mind. Families know that their children are being cared for by people who understand the military life and share its values. Care givers contribute to the Army's mission readiness each and every day, said Bonet.

"All of our child care and youth program staff — including FCC providers — receive basic courses in first aid, child and youth development and other topics to ensure they have the background needed

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Commentary

Feedback: What are you doing for the holidays?



Lesa Ma'o
Giessen family member

"My two sons and I will go home to Samoa to celebrate Christmas with my parents, brothers and sisters. When my husband returns next year the four of us will have a 'summer Christmas.'"



Pvt. 1 Ernesto Rodriguez
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment,
1st Armored Division, Wiesbaden

"I'll be writing letters and sending presents to my loved ones and fiancée from downrange."



Mary Fernandez
Fliegerhorst Child Development Center op-
erations clerk, Hanau

"For Christmas, I have no idea. After what happened [her husband was wounded after his five-ton truck struck a roadside explosive device while traveling in a convoy in Iraq. He was treated and is back on duty downrange with the 16th Corps Support Group], I'm taking it one step at a time."



Pvt. 2 Eldon Hendrix
1-4th Air Defense Artillery, Wackernheim

"I'll be downrange dreaming of a sandy Christmas."



Nilsa Sanmiguel
Giessen family member

"I will have a very quiet Christmas with my three dogs. I promised my husband not to do anything for Christmas because he's deployed. I want to wait for the love of my life until he comes back and we'll celebrate Christmas then."

Soldiers urged to read, live by Soldier's creed

By Gen. B.B. Bell and Command
Sgt. Maj. Michael L. Gravens
U.S. Army Europe

The Army chief of staff recently released the new Soldier's Creed.

This creed is a key aspect of the Army's renewed emphasis on developing the Warrior Ethos in all Soldiers. The Warrior Ethos — the heart of the Soldier's Creed — is shown in green.

While always exemplifying Army values, Soldiers who live the Warrior Ethos put the mission first, refuse to accept defeat, never quit and never leave behind a fallen comrade.

Both Command Sgt. Maj. Gravens and I embrace the Soldier's Creed and Warrior Ethos. We want every soldier to do the same. Give this message the widest possible distribution throughout the Army in Europe. All USAREUR leaders and Soldiers need to read it and then live it.

Soldier's Creed

I am an American Soldier.

I am a Warrior and a member of a team.
I serve the people of the United States
and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally
tough, trained and proficient in my
warrior tasks and drills. I always maintain
my arms, my equipment and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage and
destroy the enemies of the United
States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the
American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.

Did you know? Various fines for traffic infractions

German authorities strictly police motorists and mete out sometimes stiff penalties for infractions.

An astute reader of the *Herald Union* pointed out an item missing from the winter driving safety information printed in our Nov. 11 issue:

The legal use of rear fog lights falls under what is generally referred to as the "50-50 rule." Rear fog lights are to be used only when visibility falls to 50 meters or less. At the same time motorists must slow their vehicles to a speed of no more than 50 kilometers per hour.

Motorists who exceed 70 kilometer speeds in urban areas can be fined 425 euros, receive four points on their licenses and have driving

privileges suspended for four months.

Motorists who idle their motors while parked or standing still can be fined 10 euros. Those who drive aimlessly about urban areas can be fined 20 euros. Drivers who needlessly block traffic by driving too slowly can be fined 20 euros. Those who pass others on the right in urban areas can be fined 30 euros.

Motorists who litter can be fined from 10-50 euros; those who dump trash on roadsides, 40 euros.

Drivers popping clutches and burning rubber in residential neighborhoods risk 10 euro fines. Motorists whose car stereos are audible outside their cars risk 35 euro fines, and repeat offenders can be fined up to 5,000 euros.

We've got mail...

Students seek feedback

I am a teacher of a class of 13-year-old students in the southern part of the state of Georgia, USA. I would like to show my students the kindness and connectedness of the world in which they live. If it is possible for you to add this letter to your publication, I would greatly appreciate any help you could provide. My class would like to learn more

about the people, culture and lifestyles of this planet that we all share. We ask people of all nationalities and beliefs to please send us letters, postcards and photos of your area of the world. We will send you information about ourselves.

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News and features

Newsflash

Housing survey

The Department of Defense Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee has put their annual Overseas Housing Allowance Survey on the Internet at www.milsurveys.com/OHA to make it easier for more people to participate. This year all service members who reside in privately leased quarters overseas and receive OHA can complete the survey online. Data collected is used to compute allowances for service members worldwide. The survey will be available online through Jan. 31. To request a paper copy call mil 379-5160. (IMA-E Public Affairs)

NAF equipment sale

The Armed Forces Recreation Centers Europe will conduct a non-appropriated funds equipment sale Dec. 12-14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the AFRC Chiemsee resort. Equipment includes televisions, video recorders, paintings, glassware, flatware and furniture. Only U.S. ID card holders are authorized to take part. The Chiemsee resort is located off Autobahn 8 between Munich and Salzburg. Take the Felden exit and follow signs to the Lake Hotel. (AFRC-E Release)

Commissary benefits

With the signing of the National Defense Authorization Act the following members and their dependents will be permitted unlimited access to commissary stores: Members of the Ready Reserve (which includes members of the Selected Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve and Inactive National Guard) and Retired Reserve who possess a Uniformed Services Identification Card; former members eligible for retired pay at age 60 but who have not yet attained the age of 60, and who possess a Department of Defense Civilian Identification Card; and dependents of the members described above who have a Uniformed Services Identification Card or who have a distinct identification card used as an authorization card for benefits and privileges administered by the Uniformed Services. Commissaries have immediately adopted the new provisions, which means Guard and Reserve members no longer have to present a Commissary Privilege Card when they shop. (DoD News)

Top EO adviser

Master Sgt. Richard Vater, 1st Armored Division's Artillery Brigade Equal Opportunity adviser, was named U.S. Army Europe's EO Adviser of the Year. Vater, who is serving with Task Force 1st Armored Division in Iraq, will go on to compete at the Department of the Army-level EO competition.



Electronic W-2s

All current "myPay" military users and Defense Finance and Accounting Service civilian employees who request or already have a myPay Personal Identification Number and access <https://myPay.dfas.mil> will now automatically receive an electronic W-2 form. Users were notified last month that they had to request by Dec. 1 through the myPay website or by mail to continue receiving a hard copy W-2 by mail. The online version can be printed as many times as needed and saved to a disk. Retired military service members and annuitants, as well as civilians outside of DFAS, will continue to receive their tax statements or 1099 statements by mail. The electronic W-2 will discontinue after a DFAS civilian employee separates from employment or after a military member separates without retirement. Civilian retirees' taxable retired pay will be reported on a Form 1099 by the Office of Personnel Management. Military retirees will have the capability of receiving an electronic 1099R through myPay. Call Capt. Walton or Staff Sgt. Ganter at mil 379-5164 for more information. (IMA-E Public Affairs)

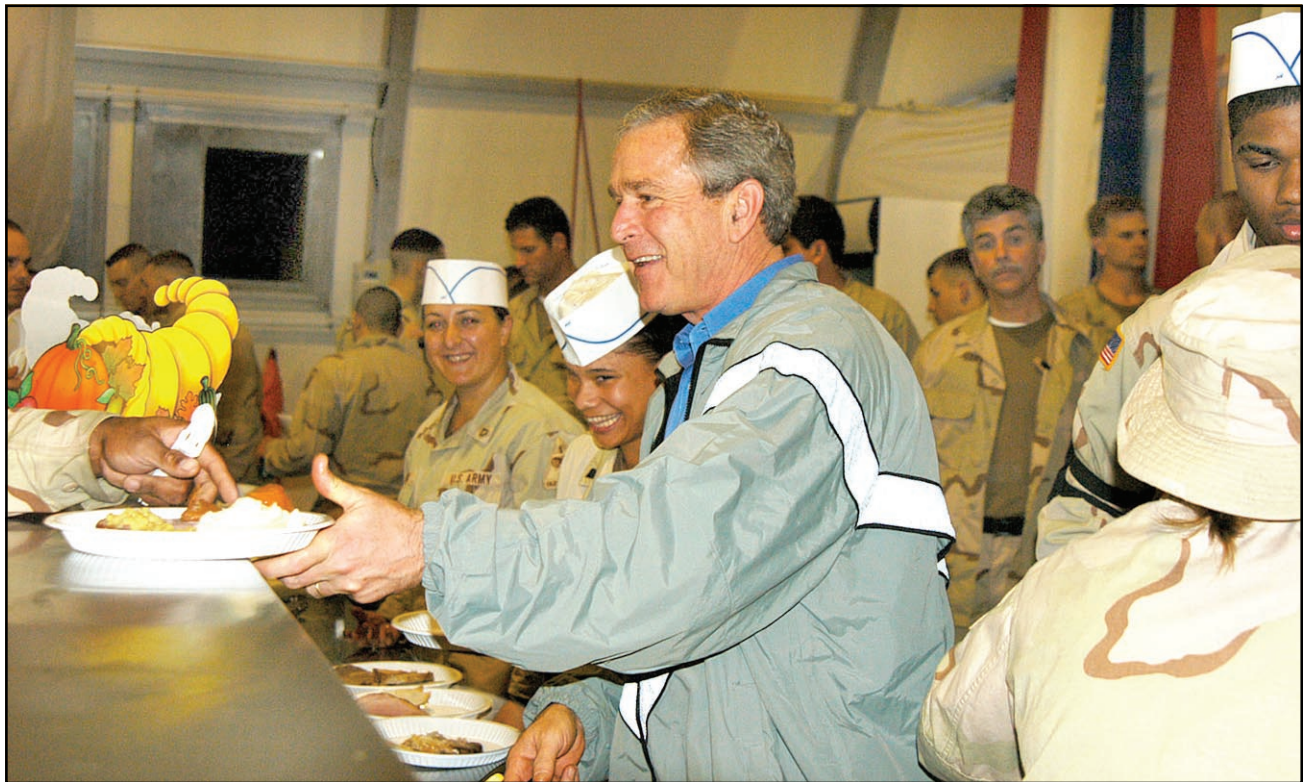


Photo by Spc. Andy Meissner

Dinner served by the President

President George W. Bush serves Thanksgiving dinner to 1st Armored Division soldiers at the Bob Hope Dining Facility in Baghdad on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. Soldiers had a chance to rub elbows with the nation's commander in chief during his surprise visit to Operation Iraqi Freedom troops in Iraq. He spent several hours talking to Soldiers in Baghdad.

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where they stayed until they began the redeployment process in October and moved to Taji north of Baghdad, MacGillis said.

He thanked the families for their patience, support and the time and energy they spent in sending care packages to the Soldiers. "You are the backbone of what makes our Army great," he told the spouses. "We can go away, do our job and come back knowing that all has been taken care of."

As the patient families sensed that the briefing was winding down, they gathered their belongings and shuffled toward the stairs. As soon as the unit was released, the families ran to greet each other. Fathers held their babies for the first time; and newlyweds, such as Spc. David Head and Spc. April Head, began to build their life together again.

"It seems like I haven't seen him forever," April said. "We married on Jan. 17 while stationed at Fort Polk. David left the end of January for Germany." April stayed at Fort Polk until August when she moved to Babenhausen, where she's a chaplain's assistant at the community chapel.

"It was hard to keep in contact at first," she said. "He

called once a month until about August and then we were able to email each other. We're going to start all over, start from the beginning."

She said she has nothing to complain about. "I think I did good while he was gone, and I feel blessed. Some [Soldiers] didn't come home alive."

Spc. Mark Shene held his sleeping daughter, Madison, 2 months, for the first time.

"As soon as he left, I found out I was pregnant," said Rachel Shene. "I went to New York to be with my parents and to have the baby. Since he wasn't going to see her born, I asked my mother-in-law to join my mom [in the delivery room]. I came back to Babenhausen a week ago."

Even with shrieks and laughter reverberating throughout the building, Dominik Lipari fell asleep in his father's arms within a few minutes.

"He was only 12 days old when I left," said Capt. Ben Lipari, commander of 77th Maintenance Co. The Liparis planned to relax over the holiday weekend. "I'm going to let Daddy change diapers," laughed Melissa Lipari. (Editor's note: a detachment of the 77th Maintenance Company serves in the Hanau military community.)

Child care

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to create a safe, developmentally appropriate and productive environment for our children," she said. "It is a super way for spouses to contribute to their communities while bringing in some additional income."

Anyone considering the possibility of becoming a child care giver should call or visit the CYS office in their community to learn more about career and employment opportunities. One extra benefit to keep in mind is the satisfaction of making the world a warm and loving place for a small person.

"I like it even more than I thought," said Stephanie Dilissio, who has been a care giver at the Fliegerhorst CDC for the past six months. "You get to see them grow, you become their second family. You become attached to them." (David Ruderman contributed to this release by the IMA-E Public Affairs Office)



Photo by Karl Weisel

Care giver Stephanie Dilissio bottle feeds Kamina Allamby, 2-months-old, at the Fliegerhorst Child Development Center.

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"I was in the lead vehicle," said Sgt. Phillip Whitehouse, who lived across the hall from Bosveld in Giessen and worked with 2nd Platoon's 1st Squad in Iraq. "It was weird going into Iraq because you didn't know what to expect."

Bosveld faced the shared uncertainties as the company moved around the country. "At first we were in Tallil about a month, a month and a half," said Tibbs. "She would be out doing her MSR [Main Supply Route] missions. Everybody at first was pretty upbeat about the whole thing. After that we went to Tikrit for two or three days. Then we jumped back down to Baghdad in May. We were doing patrols in Baghdad."

The squads were split up and assigned to police stations to train Iraqi police units. "Each platoon got assigned a police station, and we trained the Iraqi police officers," said Tibbs. "Then when that was over we started going on patrols and the National Guard took over the stations. We had a deadline to meet to get them trained. We met that deadline, and then we were just there if something happened and they needed us."

"We were training IPs [Iraqi police] and protecting the police stations," said Whitehouse. "The Iraqi cops we were training, they want to make a difference, but they're scared. Before they had Saddam to protect them, but we're not like Saddam."

Tibbs said the caliber of trainees varied across the city. "They were probably among the best of them. They picked up on it quickly, were pretty aggressive in fighting crime. A lot of them were officers, lieutenants and captains, and so they had a couple of years of police training."

While working in Abu Ghraib, the platoon was billeted at one of Saddam Hussein's former palaces. "Everybody thought it was cool — going to a country to help people and living in a big palace," said Whitehouse.

But danger was everywhere, and random attacks were just part of everyday life, said the Soldiers.

"We'd been shot at — I can't tell you how many times — shot at with RPGs and mortars," said Spc. Shawn England.

England was wounded by an improvised explosive while on walking patrol in August. He suffered shrapnel wounds in his legs, arms and sides. Evacuated to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, England has undergone surgery three times, has future surgeries scheduled and is slowly beginning to walk again.

"For the months of August and September it was almost an everyday event," said Whitehouse, himself lightly wounded by an IED.

Bosveld had her own close brush with death Sept. 12 when an RPG hit the fuel tank of her Humvee, engulfing it in flames. She and her fellow Soldiers experienced the terror of

trying to get out of the vehicle when the doors jammed. Bosveld dislocated her shoulder and injured her neck escaping from the destroyed vehicle.

She took about five days to recuperate and was back on the job. "We were short on people," said Whitehouse. "She was ready to go back out there. She knew all the dangers, and everybody knew. She was just concentrating on what was going on, going in the flow."

Staying focused on the mission worked until Oct. 26 when a mortar attack in Abu Ghraib killed Bosveld and severely wounded two other MPs.

"They were sitting in the vehicles and a mortar landed just in between," said Tibbs. "From what I understand it was one of those

one-in-a-million shots. If they'd been trying to do it, they couldn't have. It took out three Joes."

"Yes, it was just lucky on their part and bad luck for us," said Whitehouse. "It was just the first to come in, and it hit her. Usually you can see them coming and you know where they're going to land."

Bosveld was mortally wounded. Sgt. Shawn Monroe, Tibbs' driver when he was at Abu Ghraib, and Pfc. Christopher Busby both sustained serious wounds.

Monroe, from Rock Cave, W. Va., had to have his left leg amputated below the knee. Doctors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center managed to save his right leg. A track star in high school and college, Monroe will be fitted with a prosthetic device and has vowed to run again.

Busby's right leg was broken in four places. He is also receiving medical treatment at Walter Reed.

Bosveld's death and the loss of Monroe and Busby shook up the unit, said Whitehouse. "We all took it. We took it. We were hurting that day and the next day. It stays with you. But we stayed focused on our mission. That's the only way to go on."

Bosveld's fellow Soldiers carry her memory with them.

"She loved to draw. She was an artist and she was good," said Whitehouse.

"Everybody liked her," said England.

Bosveld grew up in Berlin, Oshkosh and Waupun, Wis., and her death affected many in the small Wisconsin towns. A memorial service was held Nov. 7 at the National Guard Armory in Berlin, on what would have been her 20th birthday.

Flags flew at half mast across the state by order of Wisconsin governor Jim Doyle. The service included one of Bosveld's favorite musical selections — Rita Coolidge singing "Amazing Grace" in Cherokee. Burial with full military honors was at the Oakwood Cemetery.

Bosveld is survived by her adoptive parents, Marvin Bosveld of Waupun and Mary Bosveld of Berlin, her brother Craig Bosveld, and step-siblings Aaron and Jamie Krebs.

"We all took it. We took it. We were hurting that day and the next day. It stays with you. But we stayed focused on our mission. That's the only way to go on."

Remembering local Soldiers killed in Iraq

Pvt. Kurt R. Frosheiser, 22, of Des Moines, Iowa, and 2-6th Infantry in Baumholder, was killed Nov. 8 in Baghdad when the vehicle he was driving on a mounted patrol struck an improvised explosive device. Frosheiser died of a head injury about 30 minutes later. He had been in Iraq for three weeks.

Frosheiser attended high school in Ankeny and Hoover, Iowa, before earning a graduate equivalency diploma. He also studied carpentry at Des Moines Area Community college before enlisting in January through a delayed-entry program. He reported to Fort Knox, Ky., in April and graduated from basic training in August.

Frosheiser is survived by his mother, Jeanie Hudson, his stepfather, Daniel Holten, and his father, Chris Frosheiser. He is also survived by his sister, Erin Lacey, her husband and their two children, and by his twin brother, Joel Frosheiser.

"He saw the evil in the Mideast and the atrocities that were being committed against those people, and he wanted to go over there and help free them," said his mother.

Capt. Nathan S. Dalley, 27, of Kaysville, Utah, and 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, based in Baumholder, died of a non-hostile gunshot wound in Baghdad Nov. 17. The incident is under investigation, said Pentagon officials.

An honors student at Brighton High School in Cottonwood Heights, Utah, Dalley graduated in 1994 and went on to West Point where he was in the class of 1998.

He is survived by his mother, Sandra Dalley of Kaysville, Utah, sisters Schroeder and Catherine Dalley of Salt Lake City, and his brother Aaron of South Jordan, Utah.

Dalley was buried at the Salt Lake County cemetery, overlooking his former high school.

Capt. Benjamin J. Colgan, 30, of Kent, Wash., and Giessen's 2-3rd Field Artillery



Capt. Nathan S. Dalley, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division

died Nov. 1 in Baghdad of injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device. Colgan had been responding to an RPG attack on other American Soldiers when he was killed.

Colgan graduated high school in 1991. He joined the Army to become a medic, but moved into Special Forces and graduated Officer Candidate School before being assigned to the 2-3rd FA.

One of eight siblings, Colgan is survived by his wife Jill, daughters Grace, 2, and Paige, 1, who live in Missouri. Colgan had been scheduled to return home in December for the birth of a third child. He is also survived by his parents, Joseph and Pat Colgan of Kent, Wash., and his brothers and sisters.

Sgt. Timothy L. Hayslett, 26, of Newville, Pa., was killed in the explosion of an improvised explosive device while on patrol in Baghdad Nov. 15. Hayslett was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-37th Armor, Friedberg.

Hayslett was an eight-year veteran, and planned to make a career of the Army, said family members. He had been scheduled to return to Germany Dec. 15 and spend a month at home before moving on to an assignment in Alaska.

The explosive that killed Hayslett wounded two other Soldiers. Spc. Jason Gunn was evacuated to Landstuhl for treatment, returned to Friedberg and has since returned to the United States.

Funeral services were held Nov. 24 at the Newville Assembly of God. Hayslett was laid to rest at the Center Lutheran Church cemetery, near his parents' home.

He is survived by his wife Kori and daughter Gracy, 3, of Barnsville, Ohio, and his daughter Kaitlyn Brough, 7, of Newville, Pa. He is also survived by his parents, Guy and Mary Hayslett of Lower Mifflin Township, Pa., two brothers, a sister, a nephew, a niece and his maternal grandparents.

A Tim Hayslett Memorial Fund has been established for the benefit of his two daughters. Contributions may be sent care of the Members First Credit Union, POB 40, Mechanicsburg, Pa., 17055.

Pfc. Damian S. Bushart, age 22 of Waterford, Mich., and **Spc. Robert D. Roberts**, age 21 of Winter Park, Fla., died Nov. 22 in Baghdad after a tank collided with their vehicle. Both soldiers were assigned to Büdingen's A Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment. A memorial service was held on Büdingen's Amstrong Barracks Dec. 2.



Sgt. Timothy L. Hayslett, 1-37th Armor

Help available for childhood development

By Cassandra Kardeke
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Public Affairs Office

Parents want the best for their children. As such, they do everything in their power to help their children learn and grow. But sometimes children need extra help.

Being far away from home without the resources one is accustomed to, it's easy to get confused as to what services are available overseas. Fortunately, the military offers similar services to families stationed overseas through various networks, one of which is the Educational and Developmental Intervention Service.

Although each child grows and learns at his or her own pace, some children do need extra help—that's where EDIS steps in.

"One of our most widely used programs is the Early Intervention

Service," said Karen Walling, family service coordinator for EDIS at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. According to child development experts, the first three years of a child's life and learning lasts forever. EIS promotes a child's development by working with the family and teaching families how to help their children reach their potential by providing education and support services.

"We evaluate five developmental areas: fine motor, gross motor, communication, problem solving and personal-social skills in children. If the child is lacking in any of these areas we help the family and the child in whatever way possible," said Donald Morris, EDIS program manager.

So how do parents know if their children need extra help?

Parents can find out if their child needs the extra help through their primary care provider or through a screening done with Child and Youth Services.

they feel their child is developing.

Child care providers and school teachers are also trained to look for any developmental problems among children in their care and to speak to the parent if a problem exists. But parents don't need to

wait for someone to point out a problem. If parents feel their child is developing too slowly

they may contact the EDIS clinic directly at mil 337-6662 or civ (0611) 705-6662.

"Many times, a parent may feel too stressed or embarrassed to ask for the extra help, but there is no one at fault when a child's development isn't as far along as it should be," Morris said.

Once a family is eligible for EDIS services, an EDIS provider works with the family to determine the best approach to assist the child's development. Providers work closely with the family and in the home environment to teach skills in a fun way that will help the child develop the skills he or she needs.

"Sometimes it can be scary for a child to go to a doctor's office; therefore we arrange activities around the family's routine in their own environment to help the child's development rather than making it a separate or isolated thing," Walling said.

EDIS is just one of many services available for families in the Wiesbaden area. Check out the Jan. 20 issue of the *Herald Union* for more feature articles on family programs within the 221st BSB.

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—Don Morris, EDIS program manager

Club's activities help support community

By Jolly Sienda
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Whether you are new to the Wiesbaden community or have been here a while, the Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club has plenty to offer for everyone.

With over 700 members, the club is a great conduit for meeting new friends or networking with old friends. The club sponsors luncheons every month at the Community Activity Center at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. The lunches usually have several gift vendors represented so you can do a little shopping while enjoying the friendship and food. Many of the luncheons are based on a theme or have a special guest speaker to entertain the crowd such as a German wine or travel expert. The lunches range in price depending on the meal from \$8 to \$15.

There are also additional social functions that are available through the club such as shopping trips to Poland, Italy or France; bingo; weekly lunch excursions at a local restaurant; a loan closet stocked complete with silver and crystal serving pieces for a special event and much more.

"The club is really the heart of the community," said Wendy Elders, WCSC president. "We raise a lot of money that goes back to the community. Throughout the year the organization sponsors fundraisers to earn money for school scholarships and other worthy community causes," said Elders.

The biggest event of the year is the Lamplighter Bazaar. European vendors sell international wares such as pottery, clocks, antiques, Christmas ornaments and other items unique to Europe. The bazaar was held in October and was one of the most successful fund-raisers the club has ever had.

To learn more about the club contact Elders via email at WCSCPresident@aol.com.



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A Barbie Christmas tree was among 20 decorated trees auctioned at a Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club luncheon last month.